

other activities specified by the Corporation.

(d) *Application procedures.* Eligible applicants must comply with the requirements specified in the Corporation's application materials.

(e) *Limitation on use of the funds.* Each year the Corporation will establish a maximum award that a program may receive as a challenge grant.

(f) *Allocation of funds.* The Corporation will determine annually how much funding will be allocated to challenge grants from funds appropriated for AmeriCorps programs.

§ 2524.40 What are the guidelines for grants to involve persons with disabilities?

(a) *Purpose.* There are two general purposes for these grants: (1) To assist AmeriCorps grantees in placing applicants who require reasonable accommodation (as defined in section 101(9) of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12111(9)) or auxiliary aids and services (as defined in section 3(1) of such Act, 42 U.S.C. 12102(1)) in an AmeriCorps program; and

(2) To conduct outreach activities to individuals with disabilities to recruit them for participation in AmeriCorps programs.

(b) *Eligibility—(1) Placement, accommodation, and auxiliary services.* Eligibility for assistance under this part is limited to AmeriCorps programs that: (i) Receive competitive funding from the Corporation under § 2521.30(a)(3) or 2521.30(b)(3) of this chapter; and

(ii) Demonstrate that the program has received a substantial number of applications for placement from persons who are individuals with a disability and who require a reasonable accommodation (as defined in section 101(9) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990), or auxiliary aids and services (as defined in section 3(1) of such Act) in order to perform national service; and

(iii) Demonstrate that additional funding would assist the program in placing a substantial number of such individuals with a disability as participants in projects carried out through the program.

(2) *Outreach.* Corporation grantees and any public or private nonprofit or-

ganization may apply for funds to conduct outreach to individuals with disabilities to recruit them for participation in AmeriCorps programs. Outreach funds can also be used by any organization to assist AmeriCorps programs in adapting their programs to encourage greater participation by individuals with disabilities.

(c) *Application procedures.* Eligible applicants must comply with the requirements specified in the Corporation's application materials.

§ 2524.50 What are the guidelines for assistance with disaster relief?

(a) *Purpose.* Disaster relief funds are intended to provide emergency assistance not otherwise available to enable national and community service programs to respond quickly and effectively to a Presidentially-declared disaster.

(b) *Eligibility.* Any AmeriCorps program (including youth corps, the National Civilian Community Corps, VISTA, and other programs authorized under the Domestic Volunteer Services Act) or grant making entity (such as a State or Federal agency) that is supported by the Corporation may apply for disaster relief grants.

(c) *Application process.* Eligible applicants must comply with the requirements specified in the Corporation's application materials.

(d) *Waivers.* In appropriate cases, due to the limited nature of disaster activities, the Corporation may waive specific program requirements such as matching requirements and the provision of AmeriCorps educational awards for participants supported with disaster relief funds.

PART 2525—NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST: PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

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2525.10 What is the National Service Trust?

2525.20 Definitions.

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§ 2525.10 What is the National Service Trust?

The National Service Trust is an account in the Treasury of the United States from which the Corporation makes payments of education awards,

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Stafford loan forgiveness awards, and pays interest that accrue on qualified student loans for AmeriCorps participants during terms of service in approved AmeriCorps positions.

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§ 2525.20 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in § 2510.20 of this chapter, the following definitions apply to terms used in parts 2525 through 2529 of this chapter:

Approved school-to-work program. The term *approved school-to-work program* means a school-to-work program officially approved by the Secretaries of the Departments of Education and Labor.

Cost of attendance. The term *cost of attendance* has the same meaning as in title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1070 et. seq.).

Education award. The term *education award* means the financial assistance available under parts 2526 through 2528 of this chapter for which an individual in an approved AmeriCorps position—except for an individual in a Stafford Loan Forgiveness program (SLF program)—may be eligible.

Holder. The term *holder* means—

(1) The original lender; or

(2) Any other entity to whom a loan is subsequently sold, transferred, or assigned if such entity acquires a legally enforceable right to receive payments from the borrower.

Institution of higher education. For the purposes of parts 2525 through 2529 of this chapter, the term *institution of higher education* has the same meaning given the term in section 481(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1088(a)).

Qualified student loan. The term *qualified student loan* means any loan made, insured, or guaranteed pursuant to title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et. seq.), other than a loan to a parent of a student pursuant to section 428B of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1078-2), and any loan made pursuant to title VII or VIII of the Public Service Health Act (42 U.S.C. 292a et. seq.).

Term of service. The term *term of service* means—

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(1) For AmeriCorps participants other than VISTA volunteers, any of the terms of service specified in § 2522.220 of this chapter; and

(2) For VISTA volunteers, not less than a full year of service as a VISTA volunteer.

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PART 2526—ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE AND USE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

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2526.100 How are education and Stafford loan forgiveness awards treated in determining eligibility for financial assistance under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended?

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§ 2526.10 What types of AmeriCorps educational benefits are available?

Individuals serving in approved AmeriCorps positions may be eligible to receive either AmeriCorps education awards or Stafford loan forgiveness awards, but may not receive both awards for the same term of service.